

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-5, 13, 18, 19, 21-46 and 53-55 are drawn to a recombinant respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) comprising a phosphoprotein (P), classified in class 424, subclass 189.1; and

Group II: Claims 58-60 are drawn to a method of stimulating an immune response classified in class 424, subclass 93.2.

In order to be fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-5, 13, 18, 19, 21-46 and 53-55), drawn to a recombinant respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) comprising a phosphoprotein (P).

The Examiner has further requested election of a species consisting of one of the various mutations recited in claims 2-5, 13 and 22-45 if either group is elected. Applicants hereby elect Group I. Claims 1-5, 13, 18, 19, 21-46 and 53-55 of Group I are readable on the elected species of Claim 5. Applicants, upon the allowance of a generic claim, will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

Entry of the remarks made herein is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions concerning the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,

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